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TO: Chief, FBIS
FROM: Chief, Saigon Bureau
SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - April 1964

I. GENERAL

The security situation in Saigon remained quite good through April. On 2 May, however, the Viet Cong again displayed their terrorist capabilities, by bombing a helicopter-carrying ship in Saigon harbor and by exploding a grenade (barely two blocks from the Bureau offices) which caused injury to eight U.S. military personnel.

General Khanh's regime is in the judgment of most estimators making fairly good progress on several fronts. Although General Minh and others remain disaffected, and the bulk of the Saigon citizenry maintain their customary wait-and-see attitude, reports from some sections of the countryside are encouraging.

II. OPERATIONS

Monitorial

A total of 172 hours of voice broadcasts weekly were being covered at the end of the month.

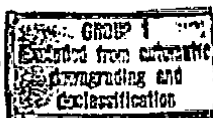
III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

[redacted] new editor replacing [redacted] arrived 19 April and was immediately installed in a modern, furnished, two-bedroom apartment in a seven-unit building leased by the Embassy. It is expected that a newly assigned Embassy political officer will

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take over the half of the duplex vacated by the

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[redacted] left for Washington D.C. on 25 April to visit her ailing mother, and probably will not return during the few remaining months of the Bureau Chief's tour.

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B. Financial

An audit of the Bureau's financial records was carried out during the month.

IV. VISITS

Messrs. Chi and Quang of the Republic of Vietnam's PTT visited the Bureau in the company of [redacted] OSA. They wanted to learn something about monitoring equipment and procedures, since the GVN is contemplating a monitoring operation of its own. It should be noted that the GVN currently seems to favor rather grandiose communications planning, including a television project, and it may be a long time before these schemes get off the ground.

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Attachments:

1. Classified Personnel Report
2. Foreign Personnel Report
3. Broadcast Coverage Report

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SAIGON BUREAU BROADCAST COVERAGE SCHEDULE FOR 1 MAY 1964

Australia

English	Melbourne	is	0400-0410	daily	not Th	good	2
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Cambodia

French	Phnom Penh	is	0515-0530	daily	daily	fair	1
"	"	is	2315-2330	"	"	fair	1
English	"	is	0530-0600	"	"	poor	1
Cambodian	"	ds	0700-0715	"	"	fair	1
"	"	ds	2300-2315	"	"	poor	1

China (Communist)

Lao	Peking	is	0000-0030	daily	daily	good	1
"	"	is	1100-1130	"	"	good	4
"	"	is	1300-1400	"	"	good	1
Cambodian	"	is	1200-1300	"	"	good	1
Thai	"	is	1130-1200	"	"	good	1
"	"	is	2330-0000	"	"	good	1
Malay	"	is	1000-1030	"	"	good	1
Vietnamese	"	is	1330-1430	"	"	good	1

Clandestine Stations

Radio Pathet Lao

Lao	0030-0100	daily	daily	fair	2
"	0415-0445	"	"	fair	1
French	0100-0115	"	"	fair	2

Radio of the Laotian Kingdom

Lao	0500-0600	daily	daily	fair	1
Lao/French	2315-0015	"	"	fair	1

Radio of the Neutralist Party (last heard 18 april)

Lao	0500-0630	daily	daily	poor	2
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Liberation Broadcasting Station

Vietnamese	0500-0530	daily	daily	fair	1
" (D)	0530-0600	"	"	fair	3
"	1130-1200	"	"	poor	2

Voice of the Movement for Neutral and Nationalist South Vietnam (last heard 28 April)

Vietnamese/Cambodian/French 0000-0100 when b'cst-checked daily poor 1

Voice of the Movement for Independent Neutral and Nationalist Thailand (last heard 28 Apr)

Thai 0100-0130 when b'cst-checked not Su fair 2

Voice of Khmer Serei

Cambodian/French 2300-0000 when b'cast-checked daily poor 2

Laos

Lao/French	Vientiane	ds	0630-0700	daily	daily	fair	1
Lao	"	ds	2330-0100	"	"	fair	1

Malaysia

English	Kuala Lumpur	is	0000-0015	daily	not Su	fair	2
"	Kuching	ds	1100-1115	"	" ThF	poor	2
Indonesian	Kuala Lumpur	is	0800-0810	"	" Th	good	2
Malay	"	ds	0600-0615	"	" Th	fair	2
"	Jesselton	ds	1130-1145	not Su	" ThF	poor	2

Vietnam (North)

Vietnamese(D)	Hanoi VNA	n-s viet.	0145-0345	daily	daily	good	2
"	"	s viet.	0400-0415	"	"	fair	1
"	"	ds	0430-0500	"	"	fair	1
" (D)	" VNA	n-s viet.	0830-0900	"	not SS	fair	2
"	"	ds	1100-1130	"	daily	good	1
"	"	s viet.	1200-1230	"	not Su	good	2
"	"	s viet.	1400-1430	not Sa	" SS	fair	2
Rhade, Jarai	"	n-s viet.	0345-0415	TTh	TTh	fair	2
"	"	n-s viet.	1130-1200	MF	MF	fair	2

Vietnam (South)

VIETNAM PRESS AGENCY twice-daily (Sunday, one) bulletins covered by scrutiny

English	Saigon	is	2330-2345	daily	daily	good	2
Vietnamese	"	ds	0500-0515	"	"	good	1
"	"	ds	0900-0905	"	"	good	1
"	"	ds	2300-2305	"	"	good	1